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Our family dairy is milking over seven hundred cows. Looking over the onerous regulation, I wonder if we will have time to take care of our cows everyday. I fail to see how your unfair regulations will accomplish the mandate. If nitrates are a problem in ground water, shouldn't you be looking at all the sources of nitrates-for example- septic tanks, orchards, row crops and vineyards, etc. Requiring dairies to put in monitoring wells is too expensive, and becomes punitive to dairy farms.

We are the stewards of our land and we have a great incentive to keep our land in good shape. If we don't our crops and animals suffer. Don't try to micro-manage our business. It never works.

The California Quality Assurance Program will get the results that you are looking for without suffocating us. Your draft paints with too broad a brush. Why should all counties be subject to the same regulations? A county with a very high cow density doesn't have the same issues as a county with a very low cow population.

Large dairies built recently all have an engineered plan. We have met and passed the state and federal regulations. The economic realities are such that small dairies and those milking over seven hundred cows will be burdened by these regulations.

We all want clean water, an abundant supply of wholesome nutritious food, and an efficient and competitive dairy industry. I'm afraid your draft will do none of these.

Are you ready for your pizza without cheese, apple pie without vanilla ice cream and your popcorn without butter? Don't overburden us with expensive and unworkable regulations.

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